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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 November 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-42 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-42 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This action is issued in response to the amendment/RCE filed .

Claims 1-42 were amended. No claims were added. None were canceled.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Regarding claims 7, 11, 13, 14, 27, and 34, the phrases "maybe" and "should be" renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitation(s) following the phrase are part of the claimed invention. See MPEP § 2173.05(d). Correction is required.

Claims 1 and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. It is unclear to the examiner how the amended claim 1 could be implemented since the centralized alert center is not directly associated with the alert source and since the alert source is configured to allow the user to subscribe directly to the alert source, what is the use of the centralized alert center if the user can connect directly to the alert source and if the alert source is not connect to the user nor to the alert source where is the connection and how the centralized alert center is communicating with the user and the alert source, on the fourth limitation the claim stated "subscribing by the centralized alert center on behalf of the user to the alert source". If the user can connect to the alert source directly and if the centralized alert center

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is not connect to the alert source how the centralized alert center can connect on behalf of the user to the alert source. Clarification is required.

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. It is unclear to the examiner how the amended claim 16 could be implemented since the centralized alert center is only an intermediary and is not directly associated with the alert source and since the alert source is configured to allow the user to subscribe directly to the alert source, what is the use of the centralized alert center if the user can connect directly to the alert source and if the alert source is not connect to the user nor to the alert source where is the connection and how the centralized alert center is communicating with the user and the alert source, If the user can connect to the alert source directly and if the centralized alert center is not connect to the alert source how the centralized alert center can connect on behalf of the user to the alert source. Clarification is required.

Claim 28 as amended is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The claimed alert source is stored in the memory of the user computer it is unclear to the examiner on how the subscription layer can receive a request from a user to subscribe to a particular alert source on behalf of the user, wherein the alert source is not directly affiliated with the alert source, how and from where the request is received, if the user is subscribing to an alert source who is the “on behalf of the user” can work in the claim, furthermore clarification is need to the “subscribe the to particular alert source on behalf of the user”. Clarification is required.

For the reasons stated above no are will be applied in this office action, this is not an indication of allowances. All dependant claims inherent the deficiency of the claims they depend from. Therefore they are rejected under the same bases.

Points of Contact

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sana Al-Hashemi whose telephone number is 571-272-4013. The examiner can normally be reached on 8Am-4:30Pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Pierre Vital can be reached on 571-272-4125. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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